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TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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On 27 April 1951, there was intensive flying at Koethen airfield. The aircraft, which usually had their landing gears extended, were flying in formations of three planes. Seven jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked next to the runway.

2. There was little flying at the field between 7 and 12 May.

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On 18 May, three single-engine aircraft and seven swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars. Four jet fighters were seen in front of the flight control station. Three single-engine aircraft, one biplane, and nine jet fighters were parked along the taxiway leading to the western end of the runway.

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The six single-engine planes practiced local flying between 2 and 6 p.m. The weather was good.

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4. A radio installation with four masts was seen in the western extension of the runway, about 100 meters south of triangulation point 92.2. Three radio trucks were parked about in the middle of the field, between the runway and taxiway. The western end of the runway was out-lined by lights about 100 meters west of the runway. There were two rows of red and green spotlights; one about 200 meters west of Koethen-Baasdorf road and the other about 100 meters east of the same road. A rotary searchlight was situated about 300 meters southwest of triangulation point 92.2. Five AA guns of an estimated 37-mm were located west of the Koethen-Baasdorf road, not far from the firing range. *

25X1A * Comment. Two fighter regiments are still believed to be stationed at the airfield. The presence of the radio installations and the AA gun emplacement was previously reported

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